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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with
traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-11 and 30; SEQ ID NO: 45
for the protein, which is erroneously stated in the Office Action as RNA; SEQ ID NO: 46 for the
DNA; SEQ ID NO: 5 for the 3'-terminal sequence.

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